

Please follow the steps below <u>before</u> your Diversity Visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Algeria

# **Step 1:** Register your appointment online

You need to create an account *immediately online at* <u>www.ustraveldocs.com/dz</u> in order to pick up your passport after your visa interview at no additional charge at an Aramex office.

Click the "Register" button below and follow these steps:

- 1. Log in and select "New Application/Schedule Appointment" on the left.
- 2. Select "IV Address Registration" and complete the questions about your visa.
- 3. Enter your contact information. This is how Aramex will contact you when your passport is ready. Please verify that the phone number is correct.
- 4. Select the Aramex office where you will pick up your passport.
- 5. Print a copy of the confirmation page once you are done.

Register

# Step 2: Schedule a medical exam in Algiers

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Algiers. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for information about the panel physician clinic in Algiers. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors at least two weeks prior to your interview.

**Medical Exam Instructions** 

# Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you bring all required original documents to your interview. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview, along with the listed documents.

**Pre-Interview Checklist** 

# **Step 4:** Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take *before* your visa interview.

### **Contact information**

U.S. Embassy 05 Chemin Cheikh Bachir Ibrahimi El-Biar 16030 Alger, Algerie

- Email:
  IV-DVAlgiers@state.gov
- Website:
  <u>algiers.usembassy.gov</u>
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# **Medical Exam Instructions**

All diversity visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination prior to the issuance of a visa. Only a physician accredited by the U.S. Embassy can perform this exam. It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below <u>before</u> your visa interview appointment at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians are not accepted.

# **Approved physicians**

Dr. Mouna Aftis Tel: +213 (0) 56-008-7870
Dr. Mohamed Bouzfour Tel: +213 (0) 23-2902-90/91/92

Dr. Sana Driouche

Al Azhar Clinique
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4, Djenane Achabou
Email: rdv@cliniquealazhar.com

Dely Ibrahim, Algiers 16020

# Items to bring to your medical examination

The doctor will need the following items to complete the medical exam forms:

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport,
- Two (2) recently taken passport-sized color photographs, and
- A copy of your immunization records.
- Medical examination fees

# **During the medical exam**

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, chest X-ray, gonorrhea testing, and blood tests (for applicants 15 years of age or older). The United States also requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants two years of age and older. Please be prepared to discuss your medical history, any medications you are taking, and any current treatments you are undergoing. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant vaccination requirements are available on the <u>CDC website</u>. You can also read <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> about our medical examination requirements online.

# **Basic Medical Exam Cost (excludes vaccination fees)**

All medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician and/or laboratory. You can see the fee schedule for all required medical tests and exams below:

For applicants ages 15 and up	18,550 DZD	
For applicants under 15 years of	age	4,000 DZD

# **Medical Exam Instructions**

\*\* Prices are quoted in Algerian Dinars. The cost of vaccinations is additional to the cost of the medical exam. Pleas vaccination prices below.

# **Supplemental Vaccination Fees**

Any supplemental vaccinations, if required, will be charged as listed below in addition to the base medical exam fee.

Vaccine	
Measles, rubella and mumps	1,600 DZD
Polio	1,600 DZD
Hepatitis A	Not available
Hepatitis B	1,600 DZD
Hib	1,600 DZD
Varicella	Not available
Pneumococcal	1,600 DZD
Meningococcal	Not available
Influenza	1,000 DZD
Rotavirus	Not available

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# Pre-Interview Checklist **☑**



Ple	ase use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview:
	A copy of your appointment confirmation from the <u>DV Entry Status Check</u> website.
	Unexpired passport valid for at least six months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States
	Two (2) color passport-size photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm, or 2 inch x 2 inch). Please review our <u>online photograph requirements</u> . Please also note that we no longer accept photographs with eyeglasses.
	Confirmation page from the DS-260 "Application for an Immigrant Visa" that you submitted online at <a href="mailto:ceac.state.gov/iv">ceac.state.gov/iv</a> .
	Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (if the physician gives you these results).
	Your <b>original</b> birth certificate and an English translation.
	The \$330 (or equivalent in Algerian dinar) Diversity Visa application fee, payable in cash at the embassy on the day of your interview.
<u>Ap</u>	plicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:
	if you are the principal applicant: Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education (for Algerian applicants, the U.S. government will accept <b>only</b> a baccalauréat or a UFC diploma) <b>OR</b> have two years of qualifying work experience (more information is available on our <u>Diversity Visa Process webpage</u> ).
	If you are married: Your original marriage certificate, an English translation, and photocopies of both.
	If you are married and/or have children: Original birth certificates and English translations
	If you were previously married: Your <b>original</b> marriage certificate and divorce judgment or spouse's death certificate,, English translations, <u>and</u> photocopies.
	If you were married after the DV Selection: Evidence of your wedding and of your relationship to your new spouse (such as photographs, communication records, etc.)
	If your derivative child is adopted: Original adoption papers, an English translation, and photocopies of both.
	If you are older than 16 years of age: The <b>original</b> police certificate from your country of current residence and any countries of previous residence <u>and</u> an English translation. If you still live in the country that issued the police certificate, you must provide a certificate issued no more than 90 days ago.
	If you have ever been convicted of a crime: Original court/criminal records, an English translation, and photocopies of both.
	If you have served in any country's military: Original military records, an English translation, and photocopies of both.

### **Review your DV Lottery entry**

Prior to your visa interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you were legally married at the time of your initial registration, you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him or her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Additionally, you must have listed ALL of your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your biological children, your spouse's children, and any children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country. If you contracted a civil marriage **after** your DV registration and did not include your spouse on your registration, please be prepared to bring additional proof of your relationship to your visa interview.

Failure to have listed an existing spouse or children at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will result in the denial of your visa and visas for your family members. Any fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa application(s) are nonrefundable. If you failed to include a child who had already been born, or a spouse to whom you were married when you entered the lottery, you should not proceed with the visa application. You can review the eligibility requirements on our <u>Diversity Visa Process webpage</u>.

# Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please email <a href="IV-DVAlgiers@state.gov">IV-DVAlgiers@state.gov</a> or request a new appointment date. There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment. Diversity Visas are numerically limited and there is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview. All DVs must be issued by September 30 of the program year.

# **Security screening procedures**

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy in Algiers must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Embassy security personnel will be unable to enter the embassy. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. Large bags, such as backpacks or suitcases, and packages are not allowed on the embassy grounds. Electronic devices are prohibited. Please visit our website for complete entry requirements.

# **Accompanying persons**

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview. The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Interpreter: Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English, French, or Arabic or Spanish well enough to conduct an interview.
- Applicants with special needs: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child.

You will **not** be able to receive your diversity visa until you create an account online at <a href="www.ustraveldocs.com/dz">www.ustraveldocs.com/dz</a>. If you do not create an account, you **will not** receive your diversity visa.

# **Administrative processing**

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application based on the interview and will request to review additional documents. When additional documents are requested, the consular officer will give you a letter that asks you to submit additional, including instructions on how to send those documents to the embassy. Some cases may require additional administrative processing. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days; however, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait at least 60 days after your interview.

# Note to all DV applicants

A consular officer will make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application and interviewing the applicant. *Even if you were selected,* there is no guarantee that you will receive a visa. Do not sell your house, car, or property, resign from your job, or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have been told that your visa is issued and you have received your immigrant visa packet.

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the embassy while we prepare your immigration packet and print a visa for your passport. We will return your passport to you later via courier services only. If you have to travel within Algeria while your passport is still with us, please make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.

# After visa approval

Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors. We will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you; do not put it in your checked luggage. If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must pay an Immigrant Fee to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) *prior to traveling* to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration of your visa, which is usually six months from the date of printing. Your visa cannot be extended, and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas. Derivative children must enter the United States before they turn 21 years old; otherwise, they will lose their immigrant status.

**Getting Your Green Card** – Your Form I-551 (Permanent Resident Card), also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you wrote in your visa application form. This is a very important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *Do not travel outside of the United States until you receive your Permanent Resident Card. Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you will lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.* 

**Children's Issues** – Children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school in the United States. Therefore, we recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. Additionally, if your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with the

child's other parent, we recommend that you bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custodial papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will likely need these papers (translated into English) in the United States for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

**Information for New Immigrants** – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication "<u>Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants"</u> online.